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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE TO ALLEVIATE THE CONSEQUENCES OF WAR IN CROATIA AND TO FACILITATE ITS RECOVERY

Albania, Argentina, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chile, Costa Rica, Czechoslovakia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Hungary, Jordan, Latvia, Mexico, New Zealand, Pakistan, Panama, Republic of Korea, Slovenia, Ukraine and Uruguay: draft resolution

International cooperation and assistance to alleviate the consequences of war in Croatia and to facilitate its recovery

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 46/182 of 19 December 1991, the annex to that resolution and other relevant resolutions on humanitarian assistance,

Deeply concerned about the serious aggravation of the humanitarian situation as a direct consequence of the ongoing conflict in former Yugoslavia,

Conscious of the extensive material destruction of major sectors of the national infrastructure, dwellings, the environmental and the cultural heritage in Croatia,

Aware that owing to the constant increase in the number of refugees in Croatia, emergency assistance and humanitarian relief should be continued and expanded,

Deeply concerned about the suffering of the victims of war and of "ethnic cleansing", which have created tides of refugees and displaced persons,

Noting the efforts of the Government of Croatia to solve the problems of the postwar reconstruction of national infrastructure and, at the same time, to solve the problem of refugees, displaced persons and victims of war,

Taking note of the letter dated 27 August 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Croatia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General 1/ and of the letter dated 20 October 1992 from the Prime Minister of Croatia to the Secretary-General, 2/

Expressing concern about the potential effects of the deepening of the crisis in the region in the event that no rapid process of postwar recovery in Croatia is established,

Recognizing the importance of the interrelation between economic recovery and peaceful inter-ethnic relations,

Recognizing that as the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Children's Fund and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system are providing emergency humanitarian relief assistance to all areas of former Yugoslavia, including Croatia, this should be accompanied by assistance to facilitate the recovery of Croatia,

1. Appeals to all Member States, regional organizations, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, charity foundations, the business communities, scientific bodies and individuals to provide cooperation in various forms, and special and other assistance, in particular in the most severely affected areas and with a view to facilitating the return of refugees and internally displaced persons to these areas;

2. Requests the Secretary-General, having regard for the continuum ranging from emergency relief to the longer-term development needs of the war-torn region, to initiate, in cooperation with the Government of Croatia, an assessment of needs for the rehabilitation, reconstruction and development of Croatia, and to introduce, if appropriate, an international appeal for the funding of a programme for rehabilitation, reconstruction and development;

3. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

1/ A/47/242.

2/ A/C.2/47/2, annex.